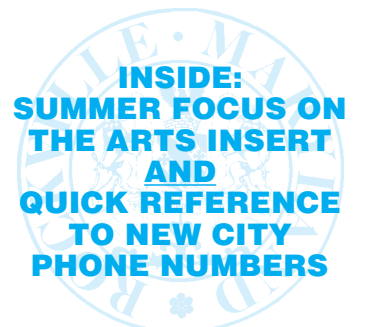


# ROCKVILLE

## Reports

City of Rockville Newsletter

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**HEROES OF GREAT TRAGEDIES MEET IN PARADE:** More than 20,000 people lined the streets of Rockville on May 27 for the 58th annual Rockville Memorial Day Parade. Included in the line of march were heroes spanning 60 years and the two most significant attacks on the nation on U.S. soil. Prior to the parade, Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo, right, listened as Grand Marshal Capt. Jack Feerick, left, who directed the medical operations following the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon, exchanged experiences with three members of the Maryland Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, (left to right, Roger Thomas, Robert Van Druff and Henry Rapalus).

## FY03 Budget Adopted; Tax Rate Unchanged

Rockville's Mayor and Council on June 10 unanimously adopted a FY2003 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) that keeps the City property tax rate unchanged and supports the five goals and 22 supporting action items they set for their current term.

The adopted FY2003 operating budget, which will go in effect July 1, is \$65,758,558, representing a 2.8 percent increase over the revised FY2002 budget. The current property tax rate of \$.322 per \$100 of assessed value remains unchanged in the budget, and there is a modest increase in utility fees. The FY2003-08 CIP incorporates \$105,011,688 for community enhancements to be made over the next six years.

The adopted budget includes \$615,600 in revenue and expenditures for a new red light camera program. It also includes a total contingency of \$1,007,806 that would be available for allocation.

"I think we have a budget that reflects the priorities we have set," said Mayor Larry Giammo. "The hardest part of the process was prioritizing and making decisions about where we could make the biggest impact. And I think we have done just that."

The budget includes utility rate increases of 7 cents per thousand gallons for water, 13 cents per thousand gallons for sewer, and \$1.50 per month for refuse. These utility rate increases are necessary to maintain desired service and delivery levels for residents. These rates go into effect July 1.

One of the major additions was \$250,000 to actively increase the City's historic designation program. (See related story on page 2.)

Also part of the adopted budget was \$77,845 that will allow the City's cable television channel, The Rockville Channel, to televise Mayor and Council work sessions and regular meetings of the City's Planning Commission. ❖

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— Mayor Larry Giammo

## Rockville Selects New Library Site

The City of Rockville took the first major step toward creation of the vibrant Town Center that will become the pride of Montgomery County as the Mayor and Council on June 17 approved purchase of a site as home of the new Rockville Regional Library. Plans call for the library to be completed in summer 2005.

Selection of the site on the southwest corner of the intersection of Beall Avenue and the planned Maryland Avenue Extended, just east of Federal Realty's shopping center, will allow Montgomery County to continue with the detailed design phase of the library. The decision on the library site, which also will incorporate some of the City-owned property known as Lot 6, will spur the implementation of Rockville's Town Center Master Plan that will lead to downtown revitalization of one of Maryland's largest cities.

Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Bob Dorsey, John Hall Jr., and Susan Hoffmann (Councilmember Anne Robbins was out of town and absent for the meeting) unanimously approved purchase of the 37,063 square-foot property from Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT) for \$1,850,000. Some of the property purchased will become part of Maryland Avenue Extended, from Middle Lane to Beall Avenue, a key element of the Town Center Master Plan. Montgomery County will reimburse the City for the purchased land that will become the library site.

Following their election in November 2001,

Rockville's Mayor and Council established five goals and 22 supporting action items. The No. 1 goal was to take actions that would move forward the Town Center redevelopment process. The Mayor and Council pledged to secure a site for the Rockville Regional Library by July 1, 2002, and this action meets that commitment.

"We pledged to meet this deadline, and we have done that," said Mayor Giammo. "We further pledged to make Town Center our top goal, and this signals that creation of a vibrant downtown Rockville will become a reality. We will continue working with Montgomery County to ensure the first public parking garage is open when the new library opens. We appreciate the cooperation of Montgomery County in helping develop a revitalized town center in Rockville."

The overall Master Plan for Rockville's Town Center calls for a creative mix of retail, restaurant, residential and office space. The intent has been to turn the downtown area of the Montgomery County seat into a center of business by day and an entertainment district after 5 p.m.

The site selection of the new library marks a modification in the original concept design of Town Center. The placement of the new library, which anchors the Town Center plan, also influences the location for the town square. The library will front on the new town square. Maryland Avenue Extended and the town square will be completed to coincide with the opening of the library in 2005. ❖

## Rockville's New Phone Numbers Start Sat., July 13

City of Rockville government offices and facilities will have a new phone system, a new area code and new phone numbers starting Saturday, July 13. The new main phone number will be **240-314-5000**.

A card that can be kept for handy reference containing frequently called City of Rockville numbers is inserted in this edition of **Rockville Reports**.

Callers dialing old phone numbers once the new system is installed will get a recording referring them to the new number.

The new phone system will provide residents with more direct numbers to departments, programs and individuals.

Continuing updates on the new phone system can be found in future editions of **Rockville Reports**, on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11) and on the City's Web site at [www.ci.rockville.md.us](http://www.ci.rockville.md.us). ❖

## Calendar of Events

### City Events

#### City of Rockville INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, July 4  
6:30 - 10 pm

Richard Montgomery High School

250 Richard Montgomery Dr.

Stage entertainment by the Rockville Concert Band and Kevin Kline; Spectacular Fireworks; Food

Sponsored by WASH-FM and the MD Lottery

For more information on many of these City events, please refer to the Focus on the Arts insert in this issue, the Summer Recreation Guide, or log on to [www.ci.rockville.md.us](http://www.ci.rockville.md.us).

**2 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Goombay** (Caribbean). 7:30 p.m. Potomac Woods Park, 2276 Dunster Lane. Free.

**3,10,17, 24,31 Out To Lunch Wednesdays:** (See schedule on page 3) 12 noon-1:30 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue in Town Center. Farmer's Market open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

**7-30 Exhibit: Tory Cowles** (abstract paintings), **Jerry Maddox** (bug drawings), and **Marsha Staiger** (abstract mixed-media works). Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Opening Reception: July 7, 1-4 p.m. Free.

**7 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series: David Maddox & Jonathan Matis.** 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. First Floor Conservatory. Free.

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**9 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Maggie** (music with an environmental focus). 7:30 p.m. Croydon Creek Nature Center parking lot, 852 Avery Rd. Free.

**10 Family Arts Night: Blue Book Value** (Rockin' Rhythms and Swing Blues). 7:30 p.m. Courthouse Square Park in Town Center. Free.

**12-13, 19-21, 26-27**

**Rockville Musical Theatre: "Anything Goes."** Weekend showtimes: Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, July 21, at 2:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Call 301-545-5660 for ticket information.

**16 Kid, Parks, Performing Arts: Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer** (Children's music). 7:30 p.m. King Farm Park, Watkins Pond Blvd. at Grand Champion Way. Free.

**17 Family Arts Night: New Line Brass Band** (Traditional brass standards, spirituals, zydeco, and original compositions). 7:30 p.m. Courthouse Square Park in Town Center. Free.

**23 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Hadfield and McCoy** (Zany Vaudeville acts). 7:30 p.m. College Gardens Park, 615 College Pkwy. Free.

**24 Family Arts Night: Retrospect** (popular and dance music from the 1940s through 1990s). 7:30 p.m. Courthouse Square Park in Town Center. Free.

**30 Kids, Parks, Performing Arts: Mike Rose** (magic/comedy). 7:30 p.m. Elwood Smith Park, 601 Harrington Rd. (rain site: Elwood Smith Community Center). Free.

## Nature Center

All events take place at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Rd., located within Rockville Civic Center Park. Reservations are required. For more information, call 301-294-2752 (after July 12: 240-314-8690).

**10 Crickets and Grasshoppers and Katydid**s. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-6. \$3 residents/\$4 nonresidents.

**12 Nighttime Sights and Sounds**. 7:30-8:30 p.m. All ages. \$2 residents/\$3 nonresidents.

**13 Bird Walk for Adults**. 8-10 a.m. Ages 16 and up. \$3 residents/\$4 nonresidents.

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# City Projects UPDATE

## Recreation and Parks HUNGERFORD

**Dawson Farm Park** • Will replace wooden bridge and reconstruct granary in historically sensitive manner and to serve as a park shelter/gazebo • granary and bridge design underway in spring • projected completion fall 2002 • public input will be incorporated into design

## MONTROSE

**Montrose Community Center** • Construction began April 1 • improvements include a new roof, windows, and additional storage space • will reopen in summer 2002

## GENERAL PROJECTS

**Beall-Dawson Historical Park** • Installation of period lighting currently underway • construction of fence for herb and vegetable garden to begin in summer

## Croydon Creek Pedestrian Bridge

Wooden bridge at the end of Avery Road over Croydon Creek to be replaced • securing permits • completion in summer

**Energy Study** • Phase I to be completed in August 2002 • Phase II to begin in fall/winter 2002-03

## I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge

Separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Ave. and Nelson St. bikeways • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Administration • under design • construction scheduled for spring 2003 • citizen input will continue to be incorporated into design

**Isreal Park Shelter Improvement** • Existing shelter to be renovated • in design stage

**Mary Trumbo Park** • Staff is meeting with community on design ideas for park in East Rockville • construction in fall

**Millennium Trail** • Norbeck Rd. multi-use path from East Gude Dr. to Veirs Mill Rd. in design, construction scheduled for 2002-03 • resurfacing of path along Wootton Pkwy.

from Edmonston Dr. to Falls Rd. • scheduled for 2002

**Rockville Senior Center** • Expand dining room • renovate kitchen • soundproof card and computer rooms • currently in planning stage • construction in winter 2003

**Wootton Parkway Landscape** • Enhancements to be made to landscaping on Wootton Pkwy. between Route 355 and Falls Rd. • project is out to bid • installation to begin fall 2002

CALL 301-309-3330 FOR MORE INFO

## Public Works

### TOWN CENTER

**Maryland Avenue Extension** • Initial survey complete • awaiting finalized development package

### WEST END

**Brick sidewalks** • Forest St. and Laird St. installation scheduled for July • currently reviewing bids

### TWINBROOK

**Sewer Rehabilitation** • Sewer evaluation survey, including flow monitoring, smoke testing and video inspection of underground piping, for the southeastern area of Twinbrook will be conducted in July • Design to be accomplished during winter • Construction planned for spring 2003

## GENERAL PROJECTS

**Asphalt Maintenance Program** • Work will begin in mid-July in the following areas: a portion of Argyle St., Chadsbury, College Gardens, Dover Rd., Loftstrand Ln., Howard Ave., Markwood, Montrose subdivision, New Mark, Rothgeb Dr., Stonestreet Ave., a portion of Twinbrook Forest and Woodley Gardens East.

**Baltimore Road** • Bike path upgrade from Gladstone to Twinbrook Pkwy. has begun • July completion

**Bike/Pedestrian Improvements** • Intersection of Twinbrook Pkwy. at Chapman Ave.

planned for summer • Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson St. and Route 28 and Great Falls Rd. planned for fall

**Chapman Avenue Watermain Upgrade** • Upgrade planned between Rotue 355 and Chapman Ave. on Thompson Ave., and on Chapman Ave. from Thompson Ave. to Halpine Rd. • Work to be completed by fall

**Fallsgrove Off-site Improvements** • Intersections to be improved include Gude Dr. and Research Blvd.; Gude Dr. and Gaither Rd.; I-270 and Shady Grove Rd.; I-270, Route 28, and Nelson St.; West Montgomery Ave. and Gude Dr.; West Montgomery Ave. and Shady Grove Rd.; and Shady Grove and Research Blvd.

**Mount Vernon SWM** • Improvements will be made to Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing storm water management • construction to start in July

**North Horners Lane Utilities Improvement** • Water main upgrade planned between Southlawn Ln. and Westmore Ave.

**Street Lighting Improvements** • Currently installing 12 new lights on Wootton Pkwy. between Hurley Ave. and McCormick Rd. • New lights have been installed on Park Rd. at Metro Station • New lights to be installed by fall on Avery Rd. between Route 28 and Mark Twain School

**Talbott Water Tank** • Repairs and installation of cathodic protection underway • expected completion in July

**Wootton Parkway Improvements** • New traffic signal and an extra turn lane are being added on Scott Dr. at Wootton Pkwy. to separate right and left turn movements • intersection of Wootton Pkwy. and Glen Mill Rd. is being modified so Wootton Pkwy. continues straight to Darnestown Rd. • Glen Mill Rd. will stop at Wootton Pkwy.

CALL 301-309-3220 FOR MORE INFO

## Funding Approved for Designating Rockville Properties as Historic

Rockville's Mayor and Council, in support of their goal to strengthen neighborhoods, capped off Historic Preservation Month in May by committing \$250,000 in the FY 2003 budget to evaluate and designate a number of properties in Rockville as historic properties (typically more than 50 years old and historically, culturally or architecturally significant).

"A major portion of the Historic District Preservation Program will be to make residents aware of the benefits of having their properties designated as historic," said Bob Spalding, Rockville's Chief of Planning. "The Mayor and Council believe that when residents are aware of benefits such as tax incentives and increased property value, many will seek historic status."

The program benefits more than the indi-

vidual property owners. By designating properties as historic, the City can ensure that changes to structures fit with the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

"Currently, more than 100 buildings are officially designated as historic by the City of Rockville or are on the National Register of Historic Places," said Spalding. "There

are, however, a large number of sites that meet the criteria for historic designation, but are not yet designated as historic."

So, while it is not necessary that George Washington slept in a house for it to gain historic designation,

there are certain criteria for historic status, including historic and cultural significance and architectural and design significance.

For property owners, the benefits of historic designation include Montgomery County and state tax credits. Income-pro-

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– Bob Spalding, Chief of Planning



**The owners of homes such as this one on Forest Avenue can gain numerous benefits by obtaining historic designation.**

ducing properties also are eligible for federal tax credits. (The current tax credits are 10 percent from the county, 20 percent from the state, and 20 percent from the federal government). Plus, historic designation is a source of neighborhood and personal pride.

To find out more information on the program, contact Judy Christensen (jchrste@ci.rockville.md.us) or Cindy Kebba (ckebba@ci.rockville.md.us) at 301-309-3207 (after July 12: 240-314-8232), or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us. ❖



In Brief

Walking and Talking

Walking Town Meetings conducted by the Mayor and Council have become a Rockville tradition in recent years. Strengthening Neighborhoods is one of the five major goals identified by the current Mayor and Council.

Those ideas meet for the final time of this summer on Saturday, July 20, when the Mayor and Council and many members of the City staff tour the Carter Hills neighborhood starting at 10 a.m. Residents are invited to join for all or part of the visit. The meetings are informal, but issues raised and questions posed will be addressed.

The Mayor and Council are considering future measures to meet with residents, including Town Meeting formats.

CALL 301-309-3310 FOR MORE INFO

Go “Out To Lunch” Wednesdays!

This summer, Rockville’s East Montgomery Avenue becomes a festival every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The City’s “Out to Lunch Wednesdays” program is a hint of the vibrant Town Center that will be built in Rockville in the coming years.

On Wednesdays, East Montgomery is closed to traffic and becomes home to Rockville’s traditional summer Farmers’ Market. The restaurants in that area offer outdoor seating and diners can munch to the sounds of live music.

The “Out To Lunch Wednesdays” schedule of entertainers for July is:

July 3	Krewe of Renegades • New Orleans R & B
July 10	Riptide • Rock
July 17	Sookey Jump • Blues
July 24	Ewabo • Caribbean
July 31	Plan Nine USA • Ska

CALL 301-309-3334 FOR MORE INFO

Rotary Twilight Runfest Set for Saturday, July 20

It’s not too late to register for Rockville’s 17<sup>th</sup> annual Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest, Saturday, July 20. The festival begins at 7 p.m., and the 8K race, one of the Washington metropolitan area’s rare evening road races, steps off at 8:45 p.m. Entry forms are available at Rockville City Hall or log on to [www.ci.rockville.md.us](http://www.ci.rockville.md.us).

Even if you are not a runner, you will not want to miss this fun event in Rockville’s Town Center.

CALL 301-309-3334 FOR MORE INFO

Peerless Rockville Offers Tours of City on June 29

As part of the 5th annual Montgomery County History Tour, on Saturday, June 29, Peerless Rockville will hold an Open House from 12-4 p.m. and will be giving tours of historic areas in Rockville, including Town Center, the B&O Train Station, Saint Mary’s Catholic Church and the Red Brick Courthouse.

For more information, visit [www.peerlessrockville.org](http://www.peerlessrockville.org).

CALL 301-762-0096 FOR MORE INFO



A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER: Rockville’s 14th annual Hometown Holidays celebration over Memorial Day weekend was one of the most successful in the City’s history. On May 25, more than 35,000 people came to Town Center to see legendary rock band REO Speedwagon. On May 26, Rockville native Jeff Ball thrilled the crowd (above left). On May 27, Maryvale’s Finest (above right) captivated parade onlookers in the 58th annual Memorial Day Parade, “Tribute to American Heroes.”



Fresh Fruits and Veggies at Rockville’s Farmers’ Market

Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, herbs, baked goods, and more are available at Rockville’s Farmers’ Market. Week after week, the Farmers’ Market transforms itself as different fruits and vegetables become available throughout the season. All items are fresh picked daily.

The Rockville Farmers’ Market is located on East Montgomery Avenue on Wednesdays (now through Sept. 25) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and in the Middle Lane parking lot on Saturdays (now through Oct. 26) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Log onto Rockville’s Web site, [www.ci.rockville.md.us](http://www.ci.rockville.md.us) for approximated harvest dates.

CALL 301-309-3334 FOR MORE INFO

Raffle to Benefit Senior Center’s Hard-of-Hearing

Rockville’s Senior Citizens Commission is sponsoring a raffle to raise funds for Assistive Listening Devices, which will make it easier for Rockville Senior Center members to better hear the various programs offered at the center.

Raffle items include a museum-quality bowl made in the center’s wood shop by prize-winning artist Murray Stein. The bowl consists of 75 pieces of tropical and domestic hardwoods. Other items include a beautiful quilt and a 13-inch color television.

Tickets are available at the Rockville Senior Center for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Wednesday, July 31.

CALL 301-309-3050 FOR MORE INFO

Water Main Work on Thompson & Chapman Aves.

Preventative maintenance on the water mains and lines between Thompson and Chapman Avenues will be performed by the City now through October, leading to occasional street closures and temporary loss of water pressure in that area.

Construction has started on Thompson Avenue between Maryland Route 355 (Rockville Pike) and Chapman Avenue and on Chapman between Thompson and Halpine Road. The affected area is between Rockville Pike and the Twinbrook Metro station.

Most work will occur between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. and likely will cause disruptions for specific users from 15 to 45 minutes on those evenings.

CALL 301-610-6327 FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

Nuevos Números de Teléfono de Rockville Desde el 13 de Julio

A partir del sábado 13 de julio, la Ciudad de Rockville tendrá un sistema nuevo de teléfono, un código nuevo de área y números nuevos de teléfono. El número nuevo del teléfono principal de la Ciudad será 240-314-5000.

Desde el 13 de julio, casi todos los teléfonos de la Ciudad tendrán nuevos números. [En esta edición de los Informes de Rockville, se inserta una tarjeta que se puede guardar como referencia de los números de Rockville a los que se llama con más frecuencia].

Una vez que se instale el nuevo sistema, las personas que llamen a los números de teléfono viejos escucharán una grabación que los remitirá al número correcto.

El nuevo sistema del teléfono proporcionará a los residentes números más directos a los departamentos, los programas y los individuos.

Se proporcionarán actualizaciones continuas del nuevo sistema de teléfono en las futuras ediciones de los Informes de Rockville, en el canal de televisión de Rockville y en el sitio de Internet en la dirección [www.ci.rockville.md.us](http://www.ci.rockville.md.us).

— Victoria Imas-Duchovny

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**18** Damsels and Dragons - Flies! 2-3 p.m. Ages 5-10. \$5 residents/\$6 non-residents.

**26** Bats: Nature’s Bug Zapper. 7:30-8:30 p.m. All ages. \$3 residents/\$4 non-residents.

**For Seniors**  
Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For further information, call 301-309-3025.

**3,9,17** Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

**3** Birthday and Anniversary Party. 1:30-3 p.m.

**8-24** (Mondays and Wednesdays) A Song to Be Sung. 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$60 members/\$75 nonmembers.

**9** Chiropractic: A Natural Way to Better Health. 10:15 a.m.

**10** Jewelry Making: The Next Step. 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers.

**10** Safeguarding Your Hips. 1-3 p.m.

**15** Pack a Safe, Savory Picnic. 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$15 members/\$20 nonmembers.

**15** Financial Tools on the Internet. 1-3 p.m.

**16** Fascination of Japan. 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

**16-17** Bird Landscaping (Mosaic class). 7-9 p.m. \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers

**17** A Capital Fourth. 1-2:30 p.m. Free.

**18** Latest News on Heart Disease. 1-2 p.m.

**22** All Occasion Cards. 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$15 members. \$18 nonmembers.

**23** Great Events of the 20th Century. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

**23** Low-Vision Information. 1-2 p.m.

**23** Elderhostel: Lifelong Learning. 7-8 p.m.

**24** Avoid a Stroke in Just Minutes. 1-2 p.m.

**25** Power of Attorney. 10:15 a.m.

**25** A Look Inside Your Computer. 1-2:30 p.m.

**31** Managing Your Retirement Plan. 1-2:30 p.m.





July Program Schedule

- REGULAR PROGRAMS**  
**Mayor & Council Live**  
July 8, 7:30 p.m.  
General Session  
July 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing  
July 22, 7:30 p.m.  
General Session
- Meeting Replays**  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
(if no live meeting)  
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.  
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.
- City Hall Report**  
Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,  
12 noon, 6 p.m., 10 p.m.
- Cityline**  
Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
12:30 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.
- Mayor & Council Review**  
Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
- SPECIALS**  
**Public Safety Awards**  
Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.  
Daily, 1 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.  
Sun.-Tues. & Sat., 11 p.m.
- Responsive & Responsible: Rockville City Government**  
Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.  
Daily, 2 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m
- Nature Center**  
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.  
Daily, 2:35 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 7 p.m.
- Air Quality Codes**  
Sun.-Tues. 7 p.m.  
Daily, 2:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
- Community Mediation**  
Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.  
Daily, 1:30 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.  
Wed.-Fri., 11 p.m.
- Asphalt Paving**  
Mon.-Fri., 9:05 a.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 7:05 p.m.
- Cityline:**  
**Legislative Review**  
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.

Inside City Hall Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

The Mayor and Council met for a General Session on May 13.

On May 13, the Mayor and Council:

- Declared May 12-18 as Historic Preservation Week in Rockville.
- Declared May 18-24 as Safe Boating Week in Rockville.
- Presented the Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation Awards to the East Rockville Civic Association, the Lincoln Park Partners Project, the Granadas family, the Gateway Tower Building, Christ Episcopal Church, Jennifer and David Kaye, The Rockville Channel, the City of Rockville, and *Rockville: Portrait of a City*.
- Approved a bid of \$28,925 to Mimarch Architects for architectural and engineering services for the renovation of the Rockville Senior Center.
- Approved a bid of \$42,900 to Aarons Trucking Inc. for loading, hauling, and removing 6,015 tons of roadway debris for FY 2003.
- Approved a bid for \$57,489 to District International Trucks Inc. for one utility tree dump truck.
- Approved a bid of \$62,006.57 to East Coast Sweeping Inc. for street cleaning by sweeping of City streets in 2003.
- Approved a bid of \$142,604 to Norris Ford Inc. for seven 2002 Ford Police Package Ford Crown Victorias.
- Approved a bid of \$34,900.10 to Hill and Sanders Ford Inc. for one crewcab utility truck.
- Approved a contract for \$33,900 to Selectron Technologies Inc. for an interactive voice response system.

Mayor and Council Meetings

- July 1:** Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
- July 8:** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- July 15:** Work Session, 6 p.m.  
Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.
- July 22:** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- July 29:** Work Session, 7:30 p.m.

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers in Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue.

General sessions and public hearings are televised live on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11). See the cable schedule on this page for more information.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please call the City Clerk's Office as drop in times are subject to change. (301-309-3310, *after July 12: 240-314-8180*.) In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled to be available for Drop-In in July are:

- July 8:** John Hall
- July 15:** Susan Hoffmann
- July 22:** Anne Robbins



Councilmember John Hall

- Awarded a contract for \$38,175 to Spring Consultants Inc. for concept design engineering for a bike path along the east side of Hurley Avenue.
- Adopted a resolution to close completed Capital Improvement Program Projects.

Boards and Commissions July Calendar

**July 8 (Monday)**  
Sign Review Board, 4 p.m.

**July 9 (Tuesday)**  
Science, Technology, and Environment Commission, 7: 30 p.m.

**July 10 (Wednesday)**  
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.  
Bike Advisory Committee, 7:15 p.m.

**July 13 (Saturday)**  
Board of Appeals, 9 a.m.

**July 18 (Thursday)**  
Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.  
Rockville Sister City, 7:30 p.m.

**July 23 (Tuesday)**  
Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7 p.m.

**July 24 (Wednesday)**  
Planning Commission, 7 p.m.  
Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

**July 25 (Thursday)**  
Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 6 p.m.

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Making Our Community Safer  
City Police Help Out With Child Safety Seat Checks

Did you know that four out of five child safety seats are installed incorrectly? Did you know that motor vehicle crashes account for nearly 42 percent of all unintentional childhood injury-related deaths (up to age 14)? Do you know when a child can begin using a belt positioning booster seat? Does all the information about child car safety seats confuse you?

Well, the City of Rockville Police Department is ready and willing to assist you in making the whole inspection process pain free.

The department boasts six police officers and three civilian members who have completed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) standardized child passenger safety training course and have received National Technician Certification through the American Automobile Association. But the best part is that they are ready to help at your convenience.

If you have been putting off having your seats inspected and you would like to have

a NHTSA-trained member of the department examine them, call Corporal Ken Matney at 301-309-3112 (*after July 12: 240-314-8962*) or Lee Potter at 301-309-3103 (*after July 12: 240-314-8914*) to schedule an appointment.

The Rockville City Police Department is located on the lower level of Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue. The entrance to the department is on the backside of the building. ❖



Rockville City Police are available to assist residents to ensure that their child safety seats are properly installed. Recently, Lee Potter, right, installed a new seat for resident Eileen Dilley.

Maryland law states...

A child younger than 4 (regardless of his/her weight) or who weighs 40 pounds or less (regardless of his/her age) must be secured in a federally-approved safety seat according to the safety seat and vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

A person may not transport a child younger than 16 unless the child is secured in a child safety seat or a vehicle's seat belt.

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